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GRASS SEEDS FOR GOLF GREENS

A LITTLE TALK on the various
GRASS SEEDS now available for
the formation and maintenance
of GOLF turf

JOHN G. GRIFFITH SEED CO.

*Purveyors of Quality Grass Seeds
for Golf Courses and Country Estates*

17 Battery Place

NEW YORK

SELECTION OF SEEDS



NOTWITHSTANDING the great interest which has been awakened on this subject during the last few years, only the most acute observers realize the immense importance attached to the selection and relative proportion of grasses for each individual course.

Just as in a doctor's prescription the undue preponderance of a drug, useful in itself in limited quantity, may have the most serious results, so in a mixture of grasses the value of a formula may be spoiled by the excessive use of one variety. The inclusion of an unsuitable grass is still more disastrous.

Another point worthy of attention is that grasses vary in vigor and to some extent in habit, according to the surroundings, and therefore in aiming at the best results the special conditions of each case must be carefully considered.

Without entering into an elaborate and technical description of the grasses we have in stock suitable for the creation of a putting-green sward, a brief reference to some of their characteristics is given below:

CREEPING BENT (*Agrostis Stolinifera*). One of the most graceful and useful putting-green grasses. Has been entirely off the market. We are the first to supply this seed for 1920.

RED FESCUE (*Festuca Rubra*). For certain soils is simply indispensable and is the backbone of all mixtures.

ROUGH-STALKED MEADOW GRASS (*Poa Trivialis*). Withstands drought and retains a beautiful color throughout the summer. The plant is slow in development, but when established is most valuable.

HARD FESCUE (*Festuca Duriuscula*). Nothing wears better, and a proportion of Hard Fescue may be safely included in every mixture.

RED TOP and BLUE GRASS. The wonderful qualities of these grasses are too well known to be enumerated.

All grass seeds must be fresh to obtain the maximum germination. This applies particularly to **NEW ZEALAND RED FESCUE**, which is harvested in New Zealand in February and arrives in this country the middle of March.

The germination of **RED FESCUE** on its arrival here fresh from New Zealand is 60% to 70%. By fall it loses 5% to 10% and by the following spring 50%, which means that seed one year old cannot have more than 25% to 30% germination.

For this reason we have refused to accept orders for all mixtures containing **RED FESCUE** for delivery earlier than March 25th. This gives ample time for spring sowing. As a matter of fact, we do not recommend any sowing before April 10th, nor after September 15th.

Not since 1919 have we been able to secure for our clients such a variety of the finer grass seeds as we can now offer for the season of 1920.

PRICES

JOHN G. GRIFFITH Putting-Green Mixture (containing the above seeds),	\$11.75	per bushel of 25 lbs.
JOHN G. GRIFFITH Fairway Mixture,		
Excluding Perennial Rye Grass	\$10.75	
Including Perennial Rye Grass	\$8.75	
JOHN G. GRIFFITH Tee Mixture,	\$8.75	

Owing to the great demand for these finer seeds, we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity without delay, as orders are filled in rotation.

WHAT JOHN G. GRIFFITH'S NAME MEANS TO YOU

THAT you receive only fresh seed, *doubly* recleaned by our special process.

That you receive *all* seed, no chaff; thus our seeds weigh more than ordinary grass seed.

Possibly our seeds may cost a few cents more a pound, but you receive the quantity and quality paid for, and although dearer in price, there is more actual seed per bushel, together with a higher germination, which means in dollars and cents it is the cheapest.

“Like begets like.” The *best* greens can only be produced from the *best* seeds.